

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system programmed to:

receive a first digital scale configuration input from a first user, via a first remote user client computer device of a plurality of remote client computer devices, wherein said first digital scale configuration input corresponds to a first digital scale configured with the first remote user client computer device, wherein the first digital scale configuration input comprises at least one item of scale configuration information that is selected from a group consisting of: (A) a make of the first digital scale, (B) a model of the first digital scale, and (C) a type of port through which the first digital scale communicates with the first remote user client computer device, and wherein each remote user client computer device of the plurality of remote user client computer devices accesses the shipping management computer system using browser software installed on the respective remote user client computer device ~~via over~~ a communications network;

receive an indication from the first user, via the first remote user client computer device, that ~~the first digital scale will be used to measure~~ a first weight of a first parcel will be input;

send ~~[[an]]~~ a first set of executable computer program instructions, according to information about the make and model of the first digital scale, to the ~~first digital scale, via the first remote user client computer device, wherein the first set of executable computer program instructions is adapted to:~~

- 1) determine, according to the first digital scale configuration input, an at least one weight measurement instruction for instructing the first digital scale to measure the first weight of the first parcel, and

2) send the at least one weight measurement instruction to the first digital scale instructing the first digital scale to measure the first weight of the first parcel; and
receive, via the first remote user client computer device, the first weight measured by the first digital scale.

Claim 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:
use the first weight to calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the first parcel.

Claim 4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said shipping management computer system further programmed to:
use the first weight to calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the first parcel; and
display the at least one shipping rate on a first display device configured with the first remote user client computer device.

Claim 6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:
receiving [[an]] configuration input from a first user, via ~~a first remote access system executing on~~ a first remote user client computer device, ~~wherein the first remote access system is adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more~~

~~computers via a global communications network, wherein said configuration input~~
~~comprises: (A) a make of a digital scale configured with the first remote user client~~
~~computer device, (B) a model of the digital scale, and (C) a type of port through which~~
~~the digital scale communicates with the first remote user client computer device,~~
~~wherein the first remote user client computer device accesses the computer system~~
~~using a first set of computer software installed on the first remote user client computer~~
~~device, and wherein the first set of computer software is adapted to retrieve and render~~
~~hyper-media content;~~

~~receiving an indication from the first user, via the first remote user client~~
~~computer device access system, that the digital scale configured with the first remote~~
~~user client computer device will be used to measure a weight of a parcel will be input;~~

~~sending a first set of executable computer program instructions to the first remote~~
~~user computer device, wherein the first set of executable computer program instructions~~
~~comprise program instructions for:~~

- ~~1) determining, according to the configuration input, whether the first remote~~
~~user client computer device is connected to the digital scale;~~
- ~~2) for a determination in 1) that the first remote user client computer device is~~
~~connected to the digital scale:~~

~~a) determining an at least one weight measurement instruction for~~
~~instructing the digital scale to measure weight according to the~~
~~configuration input, and~~

~~b) sending the at least one weight measurement instruction to the first~~
~~digital scale to instruct request, via the first remote access system, to the~~
~~digital scale to measure the weight of the parcel according to information~~
~~about the make and model of the digital scale;~~

~~receiving, via the first remote access system, a stream of data from the digital~~
~~scale; and~~

~~translating the stream of data into a set of scale communication information~~
~~according to the make and model of the digital scale, wherein the set of scale~~
~~communication information comprises the weight measured by the digital scale.~~

8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, said method further comprising:
using the weight to calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the parcel.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 8, said method further comprising:
sending the at least one shipping rate, via the first remote access system, for
display on a display device configured with the first remote user client computer device.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7, said method further comprising:
using the weight to calculate a first shipping rate for shipping the parcel via a first
delivery service offered by a first carrier;
using the weight to calculate a second shipping rate for shipping the parcel via a
second delivery service offered by the first carrier; and
using the weight to calculate a third shipping rate for shipping the parcel via a
third delivery service offered by a second carrier.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, said method further comprising:
sending, via the first remote access system, the first shipping rate, the second
shipping rate, and the third shipping rate, for display on a display device configured with
the first remote user client computer device.

Claim 12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program
instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, said computer program product
comprising computer executable instructions to, for each particular one of a plurality of
remote user client computer devices:
(A) receive, via a set of browser software executing on a particular remote user
client computer device of the plurality of remote user client computer devices, an
indication from a particular user associated with the particular remote user client

computer device that a digital scale configured with the particular remote user client computer device will be used to measure a weight of a particular parcel, wherein said digital scale is of a particular make and model, and wherein said digital scale is configured with the remote user client computer device via a particular type of port, wherein the set of browser software is adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more computers via a global communications network; and

(B) send, according to information about the particular make and model of the digital scale, via the set of browser software, a first set of executable computer instructions to the particular remote user client computer device to:

(1) determine an at least one weight measurement instruction for instructing the digital scale to measure a weight of a parcel;

(2) send the weight measurement instruction to the digital scale;

(3) receive the weight of the particular parcel as measured by the digital scale; and

(4) communicate the weight of the particular parcel to the shipping management computer system.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein said computer program product further comprises computer executable instructions for receiving, via the set of browser software, a package weight from the particular remote user client computer device.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein said computer program product further comprises computer executable instructions to:

receive, via the set of browser software, a parcel weight from the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the parcel weight corresponds to a particular parcel; and

use the parcel weight to calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein said computer program product further comprises computer executable instructions to:

receive, via the set of browser software, a parcel weight from the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the parcel weight corresponds to a particular parcel; and

use the parcel weight to calculate:

(A) a first shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel via a first delivery service offered by a first carrier;

(B) a respective second shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel via a second delivery service offered by the first carrier; and

(C) a respective third shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel via a third delivery service offered by a second carrier.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of Claim 13, wherein said computer program product further comprises computer executable instructions to:

receive, via the set of browser software, a parcel weight from the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the parcel weight corresponds to a particular parcel; and

use the parcel weight to calculate:

(A) a first shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel via a first delivery service offered by a first carrier;

(B) a second shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel via a second delivery service offered by the first carrier; and

(C) a third shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel via a third delivery service offered by a second carrier; and

send, via the set of browser software, the first shipping rate, the second shipping rate, and the third shipping rate, for display on a display device configured with the particular remote user client computer device.

Claim 18. (Cancelled).